

State of California  
Department of Parks and Recreation

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Northern Service Center  
One Capitol Mall, Suite 410  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**PROJECT TITLE:** Memorial Park Channel Clean Out

**LOCATION:** Empire Mine State Historic Park

**COUNTY:** Nevada

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Clean out the Magenta Drain channel in Memorial Park adjacent to Empire Mine State Historic Park to remove mining-derived sediment. Work will:

1. Use existing fencing to set up equipment lay down and staging areas within the park.
2. Install two 100-foot lengths of fence 20 feet out from the channel and move the fence sections downstream as work progresses
3. Trim vegetation to perform work in the channel; remove trimmed vegetation from the site.
4. Route treated Magenta Drain channel flow through a bypass pipeline beginning under Race Street.
5. Use treated, bypassed water, and water from fire hydrant as needed, to flush mining derived sediment from the channel.
6. Flush the channel bed and bank of mining derived sediments in 710 feet of channel,
7. Pump the water and sediment mixture into geotubes set up in the lay down area; flocculate and filter water in the geotubes
8. Re-use sediment-free water drained from the geotubes to continue flushing process; pump water to the passive treatment system in EMSHP (Empire Mine State Historic Park Site Characterization and Remediation Project Program EIR, SCH# 2008082066) and return re-treated water to the Magenta Drain channel
9. Allow geotubes to dewater in laydown area and demobilize from site. When geotubes have fully dewatered, dispose of sediment-laden geotubes at Beatty hazardous waste facility.

DPR-approved standard project requirements have been incorporated into the Memorial Park Channel Clean-Out project. Contact the environmental coordinator listed below to view a list of project requirements.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Northern Service Center

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

☒ Categorical Exemption                      Class: 1, 4                      Section: 15301, 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the maintenance or minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible expansion of use beyond current levels and minor public alteration in the condition of vegetation that does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and is included as "resource management projects" and "streambed restoration" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR 15300.4.

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